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Control and communication appts. for progressive gaming machines  
permits bidirectional communication between progressive  
controller and number of gaming machines and collects information  
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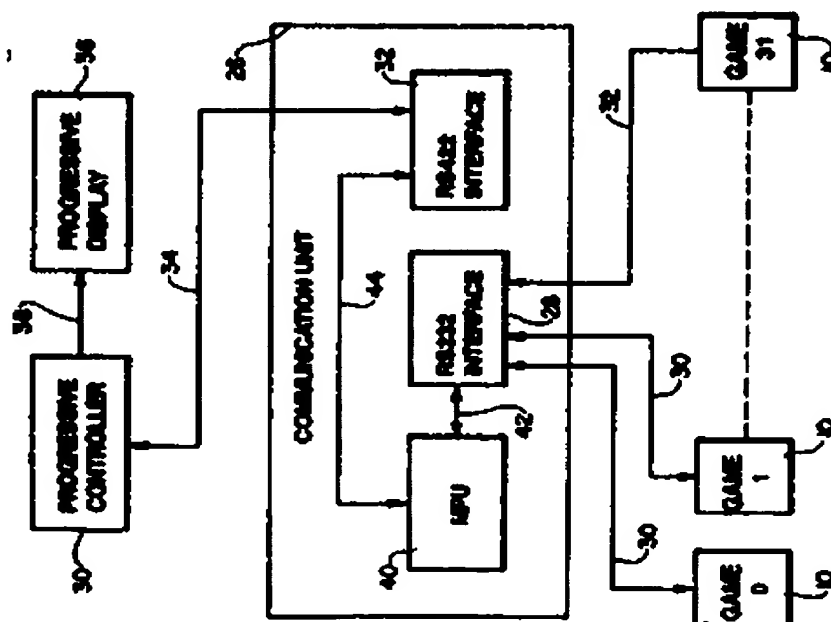
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The system has individual coin operated gaming machines (10) linked by a communication unit (26) via separate bi-directional RS232 serial communication links (30). A progressive gaming controller (30) interacts with a communication unit (26) via an RS422 communication line. The communication unit comprises a microprocessor with memory and interface controllers.

The communication controller records information of the number of coins entered at different gaming machines and any jackpot signals and communicates this to the progressive gaming controller. The controller sends inhibit signals to the gaming machines in response to a jackpot signal and can also send information on jackpot values to all gaming machines (10). A signal specifies a progressive rate. Fault information is also transmitted along the link.

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